



# Malachi

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## Background

- What does the Lecture suggest about the author of this book? What is the meaning of “Malachi”?
- What does the Lecture suggest about the date of this book? How is this related to major historical events and other prophetic books?
- What is the purpose of this book, according to the Lecture? How does this help us understand the message and application of this book?

## Outline

- How is Malachi organized? What is a “disputation”? What does this tell us about the content and message of this book?
- What are the contents of the disputation in Malachi? What does this tell us about the overall content of this book? How does this help us to read, understand, and apply Malachi?
- What do these disputation tell us about God’s character and what He thinks is important for His people? How should we respond?

## Content

- What are the key verses of Malachi? What does each highlight? What does each tell us about the overall content and message of Malachi? What does each tell us about how God deals with His people?
- Why were blemished offerings unacceptable to God? What should we learn from this? How does it apply?
- According to the key verses, what is the purpose for which God sent His messenger? What does this tell us about God’s character and purposes? How should we respond?
- Describe the promise at the end of Malachi. How was this promise fulfilled? Why is that important? What difference does this make for us?

## Themes

- Explain each of the theological themes in your own words. What does each tell us about the content, message and significance of Malachi? How should each idea be applied in current life?
- How are these themes related? Why is that important? How should we respond?

## Review

- Review the organization of Malachi and work toward committing it to memory.
- Review the key themes of Malachi and work toward committing them to memory.
- Review the one-word book summaries for the Minor Prophets and work toward committing them to memory.